

GROVE CITY HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2026

Agenda Item A: Call to Order/Roll Call

Vice Chair Shailer called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Proper public notice has been given.

Members in Attendance: Linda Hall, Member; Jeff Warner, Member; Janet Shailer, Vice Chair; Lisa Napier-Garcia, Member; John Maxson, Member, and Chloe Dickson, Member

Others in Attendance: Frances Morrow (Daughters of the American Revolution – John Hoover Chapter) and Heather Brokaw.

Agenda Item B: Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item C: Approval of Minutes

Reviewed minutes from the December 11, 2025, regular meeting. Ms. Hall made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Mr. Maxson. Vote Taken - Motion Approved.

Agenda Item D: New Items:

- 1. Election of Officers** – Vice Chair Shailer called for nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair.

Mr. Warner made a motion to nominate Janet Shailer as Chair; seconded by Mr. Maxson. No other nominations were received. Vote Taken – Motion Approved.

Mr. Maxson made a motion to nominate Jeff Warner as Vice Chair; seconded by Ms. Shailer. No other nominations were received. Vote Taken – Motion Approved.

- 2. Finance Report** – Reviewed Finance Report provided by Ms. Uhrin. The Commission has \$13,000 available for 2026. Discussed open purchase orders. Mr. Warner made a motion for Ms. Uhrin to enter a requisition for Wright Graphics in the amount of \$1,000 for printing a Grove City history book written by Jim Hale; seconded by Ms. Hall. This expenditure was approved in 2025, but a vendor had not been chosen at that time. Vote Taken – Motion Approved.

Ms. Hall made a motion to accept the report as submitted; seconded by Mr. Warner. Vote Taken – Motion Approved.

- 3. Proposed Expenditures** – Mr. Warner suggested having a float in the Arts in the Alley parade as part of the America 250 celebrations. Ms. Napier-Garcia would like it to be interactive in some way to capture both history and art. Discussed possibility of using the City's wagon. Ms. Uhrin to reach out to Park Maintenance to see if that is feasible, as a staff member would need to drive the truck pulling the wagon and most of them will be busy with road closures and other tasks as part of the parade.

4. **SWFCHS Update** – Mr. Maxson reported that the Society had their first meeting of the year and installed two new secretaries and replaced their treasurer with a committee of five people. He also stated the Mr. Jackson spoke on the America-250 OH projects including the Diemer Grant dress, which is expected to be completed by April for a presentation and discussion with the dress maker. A video will also be available to play on loop at the museum.

The carriage house project will get underway this year. The Society has furnishings for this project, which are currently stored in the barn. Upstairs will be a farm office and traveler's room, and the first floor will be for the storage of two restored buggies.

Long-term and part of the original plan at Century Village is a church/meeting house. There may be one on the Green property where the caboose is located. The original St. John's Church on Columbus Street was in too bad of shape to move and was torn down.

The Society is gearing up for the annual Ecofest in April and Heritage Day in June, in which they are partnering with the Central Ohio Military Museum.

5. **LTOB Update** – Ms. Napier-Garcia reported that the first America -250 OH event is slated for this Saturday. It will include a brief presentation at LTOB, followed by a bus tour of Grove City historic sites and ending with a pizza lunch at Planks. A second group will follow the first, but in reverse. This event has sold out and has approximately 20 people on a wait list. Discussed the possibility of holding this event again during the summer.

The women's history play is being finalized and will be ready for March. Location of the play to be determined. Next week, "*On Golden Pond*" opens followed by "*The Full Monty*" in February and "*We Found Love and an Exquisite Set of Porcelain Figurines Aboard the SS Farndale Avenue*" in April.

6. **Active/Approved Commission Projects**

- a. Leah Diemer Grant Dress – in progress, slated for completion in April. Currently waiting on another round of color swatches.
- b. John Hoover Marker – Ms. Morrow reported that she received a verbal quote from Sewah Studios of \$3,060, plus \$400 for the post for a total of \$3,460. The DAR has committed \$500 towards the project and the Commission has committed \$3,028.50. Verbiage and location need finalized.
- c. Grove City History Book by Jim Hale – the Commission has committed \$1,000.00 for printing costs. Mr. Hale is finalizing the book.

7. **2026 Commission Goals Discussion** - Discussed having a separate meeting just for goals. Ms. Uhrin will send out previous goals.

Agenda Item E: Open Discussion –

Next meeting is February 12, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:12 a.m.